

It is unconscionable that Sinclair Broadcasting would force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This media conglomerate should not be allowed to use the public's airways to continue the smear campaign against an American hero. Clearly Sinclair has an agenda and does not care about the public's right to know the truth.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their pocketbooks, and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. This could include an open debate between Kerry and Bush supporters.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sincerely  
Thank you.